(b) whether the quantity of the suspended solids has been found many times more than the prescribed standard, after the sample test of emissions conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in the power station; and

(c) if so, the details of plan formulated to save the Yamuna river from pollution and to reduce the quantity of solid emitted by the power station?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is monitoring the ash pond effluent of the Indraprastha Power Station since February 1999. Results of samples drawn during October-November 2002 by them has shown that the concentration of suspended solids was exceeding on 15th and 22nd November 2002.

(c) Indraprastha Power Station has been asked to avoid discharge of polluted effluent containing high suspended solids into the river Yamuna by adoption of better ash pond management practices like continuous sprinkling of water on the filled ash ponds to avoid re-suspension of dust and to find out alternate ash disposal site wherein ash from filled in ponds could be disposed till the adoption of long term steps, *i.e.*, installation of fly ash brick manufacturing plant, which is scheduled to be commissioned by the year 2003.

Foreign funds for afforestation in Assam

3164. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds granted by international institutions for development of Afforestation Projects in Assam during the last three years;

(b) the details of amount remained unutilised during that period; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by the Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No afforestation projects have been implemented with international assistance in Assam during the last three years.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.